

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Original) In a platform attached to supports of an over the highway truck or tractor that includes a plate having an upper surface, a lower surface, a first side and a second side, wherein the improvement comprises:

a) a first plurality of elongated members extending from said lower surface along said first side;

b) a plurality of latching hooks defined on end portions of said elongated members, said latching hooks engage one of said supports to constrain said first side; and

c) a lip extending from said lower surface that defines a channel between said lower surface and said lip along said second side, said channel disposed around one of said supports to constrain said second side.

15. (Original) The platform of claim 14 further comprising a fastener including an elongated portion and a cam surface extending radially outward from said elongated portion, said elongated portion including threads mounted in a threaded hole in said plate, said threaded hole being located such that rotation of said fastener brings said cam surface into engagement with a support to brace said platform.

16. (Original) The platform of claim 14 further comprising tapered projections extending from said cam surface and a tab that extends from said lower surface and engages said tapered projections when said fastener is rotated to allow rotation of said fastener in a first direction and inhibit rotation of said fastener in a second direction.

17. (Original) The platform of claim 14 further comprising a fastener including an elongated portion having first and second ends that each include a head for rotating said fastener and an arcuate surface extending radially outward from said elongated portion, said elongated portion including threads mounted in a threaded hole in said plate, said threaded hole being located such that rotation of said fastener brings said arcuate surface into engagement with a support to brace said platform.

18. (Original) The platform of claim 14 wherein said heads on said first and second ends of said elongated portion are hex heads.

19. (Original) The platform of claim 14 further comprising a fastener including an elongated portion having first and second ends that each include a head for rotating said fastener and an arcuate surface extending radially outward from said elongated portion, said elongated portion including threads mounted in a threaded hole through said plate such that said first head is rotatable by accessing said first head from an upper side of said plate and said second head is rotatable by accessing said head from a lower side of said plate, said threaded hole being located such that rotation of said fastener brings said arcuate surface into engagement with a support to brace said platform.

20. (Original) A platform for attachment to supports on an over the highway truck or tractor, comprising:

a) a plate including an upper surface , a lower surface, a first side and a second side;

b) a first plurality of elongated members extending from said lower surface along said first side;

c) a plurality of latching hooks defined on end portions of said elongated members, said latching hooks engage a first support to constrain said first side; and

d) a lip extending from said lower surface that defines a channel between said lower surface and said lip along said second side, said channel disposed around a second support to constrain said second side.

21. (Original) The platform of claim 20 further comprising a fastener including an elongated portion and a cam surface extending radially outward from said elongated portion, said elongated portion including threads mounted in a threaded hole in said plate, said threaded hole being located such that rotation of said fastener brings said cam surface into engagement with a support to brace said platform.

22. (Original) The platform of claim 20 further comprising tapered projections extending from said cam surface and a tab that extends from said lower surface and engages said tapered projections when said fastener is rotated to allow rotation of said fastener in a first direction and inhibit rotation of said fastener in a second direction.

23. (Original) The platform of claim 20 further comprising a fastener including an elongated portion having first and second ends that each include a head

for rotating said fastener and an arcuate surface extending radially outward from said elongated portion, said elongated portion including threads mounted in a threaded hole in said plate, said threaded hole being located such that rotation of said fastener brings said arcuate surface into engagement with a support to brace said platform.

24. (Original) The platform of claim 20 wherein said heads on said first and second ends of said elongated portion are hex heads.

25. (Original) The platform of claim 20 further comprising a fastener including an elongated portion having first and second ends that each include a head for rotating said fastener and an arcuate surface extending radially outward from said elongated portion, said elongated portion including threads mounted in a threaded hole through said plate such that said first head is rotatable by accessing said first head from an upper side of said plate and said second head is rotatable by accessing said head from a lower side of said plate, said threaded hole being located such that rotation of said fastener brings said arcuate surface into engagement with a support to brace said platform.

26-36 (Canceled)

37. (Original) A platform for attachment to supports on an over the highway truck or tractor, comprising:

a) a plate including an upper surface, a lower surface, a first side and a second side;

b) a first plurality of elongated members extending from said lower surface along said first side;

c) a plurality of latching hooks defined on end portions of said elongated members, said latching hooks engage a first support to constrain said first side; and

d) a lip extending from said lower surface that defines a channel between said lower surface and said lip along said second side, said channel disposed around a second support to constrain said second side;

e) a threaded hole defined in said plate extending through said upper and said lower surface of said plate; and

f) a fastener including an elongated portion with threads disposed in said threaded hole, said elongated portion having first and second ends that each include a head for rotating said fastener, an arcuate surface extends radially outward from said elongated portion, said first head is rotatable by accessing said first head from an upper